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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, In April and May 2011, many communities in
3 southern Illinois were impacted by historic flooding of the
4 Ohio River and other rivers, streams, lakes, and waterways; and

5 WHEREAS, The Illinois Department of Natural Resources
6 (IDNR) launched into action and responded to the call to save
7 lives and protect communities across southern Illinois from the
8 unprecedented flooding; along with scores of boats, trucks, and
9 ATVs, IDNR committed over 200 staff persons to assist in the
10 State's response; and

11 WHEREAS, More than 30 members of IDNR's Office of Resource
12 Conservation, Scott Bartell, Rob Bartlett, Chris Bickers, Doug
13 Carney, Ken Clodfelter, Kurt Daine, Bill Ernest, Les Frankland,
14 Mike Garthaus, Nate Goetten, Wayne Herndon, Rob Hilsabeck, Jana
15 Hirst, Shawn Hirst, Mike Hooe, Frank Jakubicek, Steve Jenkins,
16 Gary Lutterbie, Jim Mick, Barry Newman, Steve Pallo, Jeff
17 Pontnack, Dan Sallee, Randy Sauer, Mack Sitzes, Dan Stephenson,
18 Mike Warnick, Andy Plauck, Randy Petges, Whitney Schlueter, and
19 Lisa Bulinski participated in the State's flood response
20 operations; and

21 WHEREAS, Over 50 conservation police officers from IDNR's
22 Office of Law Enforcement, Director Rafael Gutierrez, Captain

1 Joe Morelock, Captain Tim Daiber, Captain Jerry Hiller,
2 Lieutenant Jay Danner, Lieutenant Eric Bumgarner, Sergeant
3 Jason Sherman, Sergeant Hank Frazier, Sergeant Tony Rendleman
4 and Conservation Police Officers Brandon Barnes, Steven
5 Beltran, William Bergland, Kevin Bettis, Philip Boston, Dallas
6 Bowman, Steven Bruce, Jeffrey Cariens, Eric Charles, Robert
7 Compton, Brian Cork, William Cottrell, Kurt Defenbaugh,
8 Charles Diggins, Steven Drone, Marc Folden, Joshua Geltz,
9 Daniel Greuel, Douglas Heusner, David Holland, David Hyatt,
10 Steven Jourdan, Timothy Lay, Daniel Lewis, Robert Liebl, Debbie
11 Mansell, Ray Maul, Chris Mohrman, Jason Moody, Michael
12 Phillips, Richard Riedel, Eric Rollins, Gregory Rowe, Daniel
13 Sandman, Don Schachner, Eric Schreiber, Ralph Sievers, Steven
14 Swance, Dustin Taylor, Kristin Taylor, Heath Tepovich, Donn
15 Thetford, Mike Thompson, Steven Vasicek, Dale Warren, Greg
16 Weishaupt, Karl Wheatley, William Wichern, Raymond Wichus,
17 Troy Williams, John Williamson, Chris Winters, and Douglas
18 Zulauf provided emergency response to victims of the flood; and

19 WHEREAS, Conservation Police Officers and the Office of
20 Resource Conservation's Division of Fisheries provided
21 on-the-water security and welfare checks to flooded homes and
22 possible occupants; delivered food, water and medical supplies
23 to citizens; evacuated over 700 residents and their pets;
24 secured more than 500 pieces of large floating debris that
25 could be a safety hazard; monitored low-hanging power lines

1 supplying electricity to a water treatment facility; delivered
2 feed to isolated agricultural facilities to prevent starvation
3 of livestock; coordinated emergency response assets with
4 State, federal, county, and municipal agencies; transported
5 sand bags; conducted over 500 levee inspections; and protected
6 residents, first responders, and property by immediately
7 responding to levee failures; and

8 WHEREAS, IDNR's Office of Land Management, William
9 Johnson, Jim Waycuilis, Gary Manley, Keith Spivey, Ronnie
10 Flynn, Randy Tucker, Chuck Hughes, Frank Hileman, Bill
11 Reynolds, Mark Anderson, Jason Tanner, Joe Nelson, Chris
12 McGinness, Ron Coram, Jay Massie, Debra Lewis, John Owens, Bob
13 Martin, Bob Gross, Micheal Cralley, Chris Treece, Michael
14 Lewis, Tim Smith, Joey Thurston, Jeff Durham, David Beasley,
15 Jeff Scherer, Dolly Ruiz, David Tucker, David Gearing, Alex
16 Washam, Mike Dietz, James Carter, Chris McGinness, Larry
17 Sommer, James Lang, Kenneth Heern, Pat Conley, Ignatius
18 Campanella, Kaleb Miller, Todd Carns, Dave Miller, Brent
19 Chestnut, Cha Hill, Shawn Chesnek, Heath Bastien, Jim Kiehn,
20 Zach Elliot, Mike Brand, Eric Nording, Tim Pryor, Jerry
21 Landolt, John Lay, Richard Daugherty, Carl Aten, Leslie West,
22 Larry Loudermilk, James Akers, Jason Newell, Rod Bennett, Tom
23 Owens, Dan Harmon, John Pankey, Eric McClusky, Dennis Massie,
24 Dan Dare, Larry Ward, Bob Easley, Jim Gillespie, Scott
25 Fritschle, Glenn Wegener, Greg Branch, Theresa Kreke, Duane

1 Snow, John Irvin, Remington Irwin, Jim Eaton, Neil Coleman, Sue
2 Nawojski-Toler, Steve Graves, Sam Richardson, Bill Douglass,
3 Doug Allen, Mark Clary, Rocky Smith, Dylan Kirk, Ralph
4 Hamilton, Walt Garrison, Jim Bechtel, Jerry Bell, Riley Blair,
5 David Young, Greg Conner, Richard Rice, Troy Potts, Chad Hille,
6 Ron House, Nick Dolce, and Mitch Ingold secured homes,
7 businesses, levees, state parks, and critical infrastructures
8 by filling and hauling sandbags; monitored and repaired levees;
9 assisted residents with evacuations; replaced critical
10 culverts; and coordinated flood response efforts with federal,
11 State, county, and local officials; and

12 WHEREAS, IDNR's Office of Water Resources, Arlan Juhl, Ted
13 Montrey, Jerry Bishoff, Lee Woodward, David Mick, Mike Steskal,
14 Paul Schmidt, Brad Hoene, Bill Carrino, Loren Wobig, Brad
15 Winters, Wes Cattoor, Bill Milner, Rita Lee, Rick Gosch, and
16 Robin Church coordinated with State and federal agencies on a
17 daily basis regarding impacts to communities and facilities
18 from current and projected flood stages, information that was
19 essential to understanding the risks to lives and critical
20 infrastructure; and

21 WHEREAS, This information involved flood inundation maps
22 showing the aerial extent of current and forecasted flooding;
23 maps and tables identifying the amount of freeboard available
24 at leveed areas and non-leveed communities; identification of

1 potential areas of concern resulting from sand boils, levee
2 slumps, excessive interior seepage and other potential levee or
3 floodwall failures; and identification of actual levee
4 failures or overtopping of levees; and

5 WHEREAS, 'Additionally, the Office of Water Resources used
6 field personnel and other technical contacts to back-check and
7 confirm field reports provided to the Illinois Emergency
8 Management Agency; set highwater marks at various locations
9 that will be used in post-flood evaluations; and provided
10 technical assistance to IDNR legal staff regarding activation
11 of the Birds Point-New Madrid Floodway in Missouri; and

12 WHEREAS, IDNR's Office of Legal Services participated in
13 the State's emergency response efforts on behalf of IDNR and
14 coordinated with the Governor's Office regarding IDNR's flood
15 emergency statutory authority; Chief Legal Counsel Mitchell
16 Cohen and Staff Attorney Robert Mool also assisted the Illinois
17 Attorney General's Office in responding to a series of legal
18 actions by Missouri regarding the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers'
19 activation of the Birds Point-New Madrid Floodway; with IDNR's
20 legal and technical services, Illinois and the Army Corps of
21 Engineers ultimately prevailed in federal court and the
22 floodway was activated, reducing the flood threat facing many
23 Illinois communities; and

1 WHEREAS, IDNR Deputy Director Travis Loyd was on the ground
2 in southern Illinois, helping to coordinate IDNR's emergency
3 response operations with local communities impacted by the
4 flooding; therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
6 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
7 we express our gratitude to the dedicated professionals of the
8 Illinois Department of Natural Resources for their tireless
9 efforts to protect Illinois' people and communities during the
10 historic Spring 2011 flooding in southern Illinois; and be it
11 further

12 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
13 presented to Governor Pat Quinn and the Illinois Department of
14 Natural Resources Director Marc Miller as a symbol of our
15 respect and esteem for the indispensable work of the Illinois
16 Department of Natural Resources.